

Remarks

A. Summary of Claims

Claims 1-63 are cancelled and replaced with claims 64-120. Please note that the new claims are derived from the cancelled claims to place the claims in a format that is more appropriate for U.S. Patent Office prosecution. Further, and with respect to new claim 64, non-limiting support can be found in cancelled claims 1 and 55 and in the specification at page 4, lines 13-17 and 24-27, page 8, lines 15-17, page 17, lines 7-8, and Figure 6.

Therefore, claims 64-120 are pending.

B. Response to the Restriction Requirement

The Examiner requests restriction between Groups I-V at page 2 of the Restriction Requirement.

Applicant respectfully believes that new method claims 64-103 correspond to the Group V claims, whereas new apparatus claims 104-120 correspond to the Group III claims.

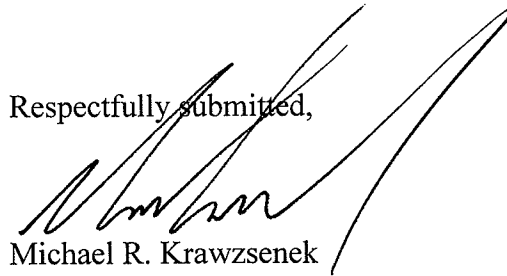
In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects method claims 64-103. Applicant also respectfully submits that the method and apparatus claims satisfy the unity of invention requirement according to PCT standards. In particular, a key feature of the method and apparatus claims that are currently pending is the presence of a flexible portion that matches the curvature of the substrate curved surface. The apparatus in claims 104-120 is specifically designed for carrying out the method defined in claims 64-103. Further, this key feature does not appear to be disclosed or suggested in the cited art used by the Examiner to support the Restriction Requirement.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn and that the method and apparatus claims be searched and considered in the same application.

C. Conclusion

Applicant requests that substantive examination begin and that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Applicants' representative at (512) 536-3020 with any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to this case.

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